

April 24, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE WORKING GROUP (STALIN):

The attached is a draft of my first report to the Chairman of PSB. If you have any suggestions, please let me have them by 5 p.m. Monday, April 27.

I would like to suggest the following items for consideration at our meeting on Tuesday at 2:30:

1. Further discussion of opportunities afforded by reactions to the President's speech. In particular, what probably lay behind the vivid Hungarian reaction, and what advantages can be taken of it? Is the case probably similar in the other satellites?
2. What are the more likely Soviet responses to the speech, and what can usefully be done to prepare for them in advance?
3. Possible new propaganda angles of mutual interest.
4. Further consideration of actions which might be recommended in support of the D-40 strategy.
5. Do our terms of reference (D-40/1) need revision?



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD

SUBJECT: First Report on Working Group (Stalin) (PSB D-40/1)

WGS has established an appropriate pattern of working relationships including exchange of pertinent information. It has decided that ad hoc participation by non-member agencies is not needed for the time being.

WGS examined the draft of PSB D-40 in the light of the President's April 16 speech, and the State and CIA supporting plans for PSB D-40 in the light of both plan and speech, and considered them consistent with each other. It also prepared and cleared with the member agencies some changes needed to bring PSB D-40 up to date.

WGS discussed preliminary reports on world reactions to the President's speech and found them for the most part very favorable. It also noted that strongly anti-American propaganda was continuing for domestic consumption inside the USSR, and the State and CIA members agreed to see if more of this could be made available to the American press in order to keep the picture in balance.

WGS, with Mr. Jackson also sitting in, discussed the need for prompt actions in the near future to follow up the President's speech, and noted preliminary accounts of agency planning for this purpose. WGS discussed the implications of the Soviet "peace defensive" and decided that it does not as yet require a change in the basic strategy of PSB D-40.

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